

This AYHSC Monthly Meeting was held on October 5th, 2017 at 5:30 pm at the Whittemore Robbins House.

**Staff Present:** Ivy Laplante, Karen Dillon

**Members Present:** Carlene Newell, Matthew Janger, Judy Cox, Sarah Augood, Jennifer Saulnier, Kerry Austin-Smith, Timothy Swift, Cindy Bouvier, Cindy Sheridan Curran, Colleen Leger, Joe Curro, Ellie Egan and Lainey Woods

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Introductions, Accept Minutes of the September Meeting	Student advisors and sector representatives all introduced themselves and shared their respective roles in the Arlington community. Cindy Bouvier moved to approve the September meeting minutes, Carlene Newell seconded. All present approved the September meeting minutes.	Ivy will publish September minutes on town website.
Student Coalition Updates	<b>SCAP:</b> Students have met twice since school started and are selecting officers for the 2017-2018 school year.	Karen will coordinate student nominations and elections at AHS
Outreach Committee Updates:	Sarah Augood tabled at the Navigating the Cyberworld Parent Forum and connected with 18 people.	Karen added new contacts to outreach/newsletter lists.
<b>Project Updates:</b>		
SAP-C (Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative) Grant Updates	<b>SAPC Cluster</b> is continuing to meet and currently developing a regional policy on alcohol compliance checks and fines.	Ivy will continue to keep AYHSC informed of action steps.
LifeSkills Training Update	We have implemented the Botvin LifeSkills Training curriculum at Ottoson after receiving a grant from the Symmes Foundation. 6th grade FACS students at Ottoson have been surveyed and that survey will be repeated at the conclusion of the school year to measure impact of the curriculum.	Ivy will provide periodic updates on the progress and report final findings in June 2018.
Coalition Collaborative Project	<b>Creating a position paper on youth marijuana use:</b> Neighboring communities and coalitions have developed a position paper on youth marijuana use to clarify their stance. The goal is for the coalition to come to a consensus and then	Ivy will revise the paper and update Coalition on changes. More work is required before we can finalize it.

	<p>wordsmith/refine the language once the issue is identified.</p> <p>The paper will have three key elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Facts</li> <li>• Conclusion-actions steps moving forward.</li> </ul> <p>We worked on developing our stance on the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Use, possession or furnishing of marijuana without medical permissions has legal consequences for youth under 21.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Marijuana is harmful to the developing brain and has addictive properties.</i></li> <li>3. <i>Marijuana is associated with significant increases in risk associated with behavior and immediate impairment.</i></li> </ol> <p>Action Statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Change favorable or indifferent attitudes towards youth marijuana use.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Reduce youth access to marijuana.</i></li> <li>3. <i>Collaborate with community stakeholders to ensure appropriate responses for youth marijuana use.</i></li> </ol>	
Policy Updates	N/A	

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

**The next Coalition meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2nd, 2017 at 5:30pm in the Whittemore Robbins House.**